(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) These quarters are not in dilapidated conditions, although a few of them would require special repairs.

(c) Yes, Sir, 61 complaints have been received during the current financial year out of which 17 complaints for electrical works have been attended and the remaining complaints pertaining to civil work are likely to be attended by April 2000. All these works are in progress.

(d) to (f) No action against any official is called for.

Inspections conducted by Directorate of Estates

†1966. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that most of Government quarters in J-Block, Kalibari, New Delhi have been subletted but no probe has been conducted into this;

(b) if so, whether unbiased action will be taken in this regard; and

(c) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (c) During the last two years, six complaints regarding subletting of Government quarters in J-Block of Mandir Marg (Kalibari) were received. On the spot inspections were conducted in all the cases and five quarters were reported sublet and action as per Allotment Rules, have also been initiated.

Complaints of Seepage by Residents of M.S. Flats

1967. SHRI V.P. DURAISAMY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CPWD enquiry office, Gole Market is oblivious to the perennial seepage complaints lodged by the residents of M.S. Flats, Peshwa Road, Gole Market, New Delhi;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) whether it is also a fact that seepage complaints are lying unattended to, despite oral and written complaints of the residents; and

(c) what concrete steps his Ministry would take to plug perennial seepage problems in the aforesaid flats?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) No, Sir, complaints of seepage in M.S. Flats, Peswa Road, New Delhi are not perennial. These are attended as and when received.

(b) Three such complaints in respect of Flat Nos. A 1/4, A 2/4 and B G/5 which were pending have since been attended to.

(c) Seepage is not a perennial problem. However, preventive maintenance measures to be taken before ensuing monsoon will reduce the chances of seepages.

Woes of Urban Water Supply

1968. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned Going deep into woes of urban water supply appearing in the Indian Express, dated the 9th February, 2000;

(b) whether it is a fact that deficiencies of the protected water supply, sewerage and low cost sanitation systems, storm water drainage and refuge collection for urban areas are on a very high side;

(c) if so, what are Government's future plan *vis-a-vis* techniques being followed in some important cities of the world; and

(d) by when these plan would be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On the basis of information furnished by different State implementing agencies *viz.* Public Health Departments/Water Supply Boards, 90% of the urban population is reported to have access to safe drinking water facilities and about 50% of the urban population have access to sanitation facilities. However, the service standards of those basic facilities in many urban areas are not as per prescribed norms. As far as Solid Waste Management is concerned, it is estimated